



## BRIDGE OF HISTORY

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### NEWS RELEASE

The International Bridge Administration today announced that one-way traffic crossings of the International Bridge at Sault Ste. Marie totaled 204,957 for the month of August, 2005. This represents an increase of 6.96% as compared to August, 2004.

Traffic statistics for the month are as follows:

<i>Vehicle Classification</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings</i>	<i>Change from August, 2004</i>	<i>Percent of Total Crossings</i>
<i>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</i>	104,712	-5.8%	51.1%
<i>Commuter Fare:</i>	77,646	35.5%	37.9%
<i>Car Pulling Trailers</i>	10,857	-3.6%	5.3%
<i>Commercial Trucks:</i>	11,742	-1.7%	5.7%
<i>Totals:</i>	204,957		100%

Traffic for calendar year 2005 has totaled 1,307,315 vehicles; this represents an increase of 4.78% as compared to 2004. Since the bridge opened in 1962, over 78.2 million vehicles have crossed the structure.

#### ***Manager's Note:***

The International Bridge annual inspection by the Parson's Engineering representatives from New York will begin the week of September 12, 2005. The annual inspection is performed to ensure the continued structural integrity of the bridge. The inspection involves trained technicians using rappelling gear to hang on the bridge to access structural components. The International Bridge is pleased to announce new patron displays are now being installed in the toll lanes for added customer convenience. The displays will include the amount and type of payment being accepted by the toll collectors, and will display for the customer the number of trips that remain on IQ Cards.

Sincerely,

*International Bridge Administration*

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